

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A canning structure ~~comprising~~  
consisting essentially of:

a ceramic honeycomb structure not loaded with a  
catalyst;

a metal case having two opposing fully open ends; and  
a non-intumescent ceramic fiber mat holding member;

the ceramic honeycomb structure being held in the  
metal case;

wherein the ceramic honeycomb structure is fixed  
beforehand within the metal case by the holding member  
only.

2. (Original) A canning structure according to claim 1,  
wherein the ceramic honeycomb structure has cell walls thinner  
than 0.10 mm.

3. (Original) A canning structure according to claim 1,  
wherein the ceramic honeycomb structure has cell walls thinner  
than 0.08 mm.

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4. (Previously Presented) A canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the metal case has a stuffing structure.

5. (Previously Presented) A canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the metal case has a tourniquet structure.

6. and 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A canning structure according to claim 1, wherein the holding member ~~is a non-intumescent ceramic fiber mat, the~~ contains ceramic fiber fibers having a diameter of 2 to 6  $\mu\text{m}$ .